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DESIGN CONTEST

The Daemen College Student Association would like to announce a "design contest" for their 1994 SPRINGFEST t-shirt. Each spring, the Student Association has several hundred t-shirts silk screen printed to advertise their annual SPRINGFEST event (held in April). The Student Association will be awarding \$75 to the artist of the winning design which will be displayed on the shirts.

IMPORTANT: All submissions must be "camera ready" black & white artwork. Submit your designs no later than Monday, March 14, 1994 to the Vice President of Programming's mailbox behind Wick Desk.

Voting will be done by the Student Association Senate on March 15, 1994. If no design is selected for use on the shirt, no prize money will be distributed.

AIRBAND RETURNS March 28, 1994



Jamie Scalise & Joe "Uncle Buck" Leonard to be this year's MCs

Sigma Phi Epsilon will again be hosting their traditional Airband competition and party during Bus Trip Weekend on Friday, March 18, 1994.

For those of you who have never seen an Airband competition (if there are any of you out there) the idea goes something like this: Students put together their own "band" that lip synchs and mimes instrument playing to the music of their favorite songs. Each band competing prepares two songs which will be judged by a panel made up of local community business persons (this year, there may even be a celebrity or two in the mix).

"Cash prizes will be \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place."

The contestant bands are judged on various performance criteria including: lip synching, instrument playing, crowd reaction, believability,

and overall appearance. The winning groups will receive both trophies and cash prizes funded by the Student Association. The cash prizes will be \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

"Sig Ep will also be serving up over a thousand chicken fingers..."

For those students performing, it's the thrill of a lifetime. Many respond, "You really feel like a rock star when you're on stage with everyone cheering for you!" For those just spectating, it's tremendous fun as well. Besides great entertainment, Sig Ep will also be serving up over a thousand chicken fingers, as well as pizza, nachos, fruit & veggie trays, and soda ("pop!"), all at no extra charge.

Tickets for Airband will be \$2 presale and \$3 at the door. The Entry fee for bands is \$25. Sign up your band or buy your tickets in Wick Lobby during lunchtime.

The American Red Cross & S.P.T.A. invite you to

**Give the Gift
of Life...
Give
Blood**

Wednesday, March 2
10 am - 4 pm
in Wick Social Room

Appointments can be made during mealtimes in Wick Lobby the week prior to the drive.
Walk-ins are also welcome.

The sisters of Psi Xi Omicron invite you to their

**Spring
Fling
Happy
Hour**

Friday, March 25
5-8 pm
in the Snackbar

**Admission: \$1
Good Times!**

Daemen College Thursday Night Film Series
MASTERS OF WORLD CINEMA

presents

The World of Apu

Director: Satyajit Ray
Thursday, March 17, 1994
7:30 pm, Schenck Hall

This is the third film of the famous Apu trilogy of a childhood, youth, and manhood in Bengal. In this sadly poetic tale, Apu marries and fathers a child, completing the life cycle amid realizations about himself and his limitations in this world. Sitar music by Ravi Shankar is the perfect complement to Ray's artful direction. In Bengali with English subtitles.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

MEN WANTED

The Business Club will be holding a **"Bachelor-Bid-Off"** to benefit the Leukemia Society. The event will be held Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m., in Wick Social Room, following Phi Beta Gamma's Happy Hour in the Snackbar. All participants must pre-register in Wick Lobby prior to the event. A \$5 deposit is required, and will be returned after the event. Each "couple" will receive either a free dinner or other prize. Don't miss this wild and crazy event. **Sign up NOW!!!**

ALL WOMEN INVITED TO BID!

Poetry Corner

TROP VITE

trop vite
nous cheminons trop vite
je suis fatiguée
et très nerveuse

trop vite
notre amour va trop vite
je ne sais pas si
je t'aime
mais tu me pousse
et je n'aime pas être poussée
si tu me pousse trop fort
tu peux me pousser
hors de ta vie

trop vite
va lentement

by Kristen Burgess

Pick Up Your Health Insurance ID Cards

The Health Referral Services Office is now issuing identification cards to those students who carry the Daemen College Student Health Insurance.

Please stop by the Health Referral Services Office, located in Wick, to pick up your card. The office is open 10 am - 2 pm each weekday.

The sisters of Delta Phi Mu
invite you to their

Carnival

Saturday, March 19
6 pm in Wick Social Room
featuring

Game Booths run by various
Student Organizations
and
the return of

SUMO WRESTLING



"The Honorable Sport of
Bumping Bellies!"

ATTENTION ALL WRITERS AND ARTISTS!!!

Here is your big chance to impress your friends with your talents! Submit your work to this year's A Step Ascending, the Daemen student literary publication.

You know that story you wrote in Economics while you were suppose to be listening to the lecture on the Law of Supply and Demand; submit it. Or that doodle that is on the back of your chemistry homework; submit it too!

The deadline for all submissions is March 30, 1994. Leave submissions in the A Step Ascending mailbox at Wick Desk, or give them to Dr. Siedlecki, Kristen Burgess, or Carol Kowalik. This is your chance to show all your friends your hidden talent!

CO-OP Employers Give Rave Reviews

The CO-OP Coordinators completed their on-site visits for the Fall 1993 semester at the beginning of December. We visit each location where we have placed a CO-OP student. The purpose of these visits is to check the student's progress and to deliver the employer evaluation form to the student's supervisor.

We are very fortunate that most students get excellent reviews from their employers. Given the current economic climate of Western New York, many companies are working with pared-down staffs or are operating under a hiring freeze; CO-OP students provide the help employers need.

Employers tell us our students are doing a great job. They catch on quickly to company policies and procedures, and many of them work on special projects. We have been impressed by the level of responsibility given to the students. For example, one CO-OP student who is working in Human Resources at a local company has been reviewing potential employee resumes

and has been conducting preliminary telephone interviews.

The on-site visit also provides a forum for constructive criticism and suggestions about students' qualifications. We most frequently hear that students need more self-confidence, which, of course, develops on the job; computer skills are also stressed as being very important.

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Because the job market is so tight these days, employers are diligently checking references. CO-OP employers can serve as great references for new college graduates who have a limited amount of experience.

There are so many benefits to be gained from participating in CO-OP; why not stop by the CO-OP and Career Development Office on the first floor of Canavan Hall to learn more about it!

The Student Physical Therapy Association invites you to a

Faculty Talent Show

Friday, March 25
8 pm in Wick Social Room

Tickets: \$1 presale
\$2 at the door

Easter Basket raffle

Tickets: \$1

Tickets sold March 21-31
(drawing held March 31)

SOCIAL WORK ALLIANCE

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presents "Lucy Box"

March 21-31
in Wick Lobby
(during lunch and dinner)

Adventures of AARON

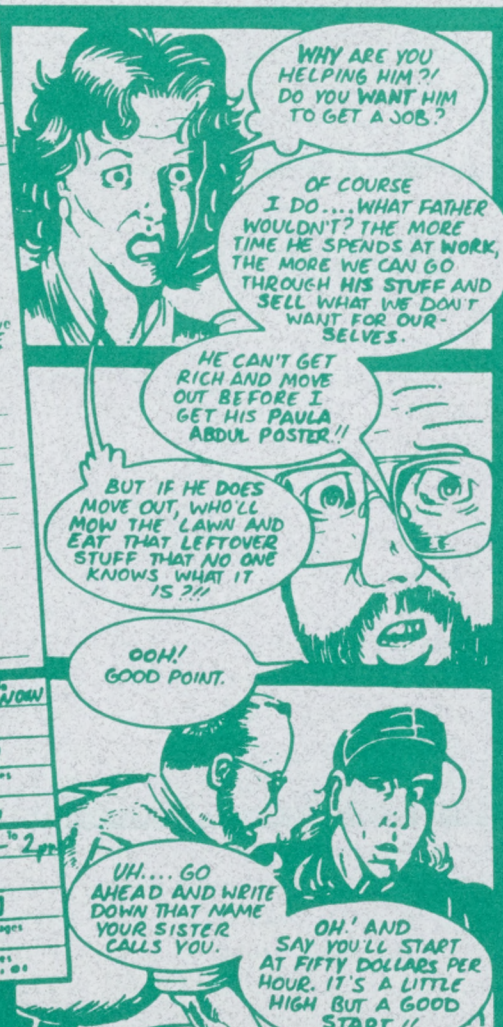
AHH!! MY APPLICATION FOR A JOB AT BINKO'S COPY CENTER, TO WORK ALONG SIDE MY LIFE-LONG FANTASY GIRL, MICHELLE THE COPY QUEEN, LETTING LOVE BLOOM AND GETTING EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT ON ALL MY PHOTOCOPYING!

SHE'LL BE DIGGING MY TREATS SO MUCH, YOU'LL THINK IT'S HALLOWEEN! AND I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

TRY TO KEEP THIS APPLICATION IN GOOD SHAPE... AND WHERE IT SAYS NAME, DON'T WRITE DOWN WHAT YOUR SISTER CALLS YOU...

...THAT'S NOT A NICE WORD. YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT PRINTED ON YOUR NAME TAG!

Binko's the copy center		CO-WORKER APPLICATION		Binko's the copy center	
Name	AARON	SS	ENTERPRISE	Phone	
Address	401 S. BURDICK, KALAMAZOO, MI. 49001	IN OUR KITCHEN			
Are you at least 18 years old?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If No, Birthdate			
Honors Received	1. CUB SCOUTS CHIEF KNOT-TIEING GUY 1987-88 2. DRIVERS LICENSE				
What prompted you to apply for work here?	Company Image <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROSPECTS & LOVE			
PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - ANYONE BUT MY SISTER					
Name	MOM & DAD	Phone	IN OUR KITCHEN		
Address	MY HOUSE (SEE ABOVE)	explain	I NEVER DID NOTHING WRONG.		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	(Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from employment)			
Personal Interests	MICHELLE THE COPY QUEEN, VANNA WHITE FAN CLUB				
Job related organizations, clubs, professional societies	(Check those which indicate sex, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, and/or age)				
Can you perform the duties of the job for which you have applied, with or without accommodation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (I'M NOT SURE I REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS ONE)				
Is any member of your family (spouse, parent, etc.) employed in the restaurant industry?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No explain THEY HAVE OTHER JOBS.				
Employer	MY DAD	Address	IN OUR KITCHEN	Position	Sitting
Address	(SEE ABOVE)	City, State, Zip		Supervisor's Name	MY DAD
Responsibilities	MOW OUR LAWN				
Reason for leaving	IT WAS ALL DONE.	May we contact?	Be My Girl!	From	11 a.m. - NOW
Employer	MY DAD	Phone	(SAME)	Position	Sitting
Address	(SAME AS ABOVE)	City, State, Zip		Supervisor's Name	MY DAD
Responsibilities	MOW OUR LAWN AGAIN				
Reason for leaving	I WAS DONE MOWING IT.	May we contact?	That'd be lovely.	From	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.



* What To Do With All That * * SNOW *

by Kristen Burgess

Over the past two months, a record snowfall has hit Western New York. The area has been covered with anywhere from one to three feet of snow. Now that it's fallen, what do you do with it? Here are a few suggestions:

Snow Ambushes. You spend a lot of time and energy making and stockpiling snowballs. Don't waste them foolishly on younger brothers or sisters. Instead, put them to good use. Ambush that jogger wearing the "Dallas Cowboys" sweatshirt.

Snow Forts - Variation On An Old Theme. The neighborhood kids spend countless hours building snow forts. If your car was parked in the driveway during the last snowstorm, you have a pre-built fort. Just dig through the snow to your car door, and voila! You have a snow fort. Watch the neighborhood kids' faces drop when your snow fort roars to life and crushes their forts.

Put That Marketing Course To Use. Convince Florida that you are selling a crystallized seasonal commodity rare in their area. As spring comes nearer, raise the price, citing scarcity as the reason.

Science Experiments. You'll sound very intelligent if you state, "I was observing the quantitative and qualitative accumulation of H₂O in frozen matter state." See how long it takes people to translate that into: "I was sitting in the window watching the snow fall."

Open An Abstract-Expressionist Outdoor Art Gallery. Explain to your friends, "That's not a snowdrift by the door, it's my one-of-a-kind snow sculpture entitled "Death Overtakes a Small Gallery."

Put That Economics Course To Use. Charge admission to your abstract-expressionist outdoor art gallery. Hang price tags on your masterpieces.

Get Out the Bikinis and Have A Pool Party. Your entire backyard is a swimming pool; the water just happens to be frozen. A word of caution: don't stay out too long, or your glass of iced tea will become a popsicle.

If all else fails, just stay inside and wait a few weeks. Spring is on the way!

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THINK SPRING!



DRUNK DRIVING DOESN'T JUST KILL DRUNK DRIVERS.

Hannah and Sarah Fogleman, killed Dec. 12, 1988 at 2:22 pm on I-95 South, Brunswick, GA.

Next time your friend insists on driving drunk, do whatever it takes to stop him.

Because if he kills innocent people, how will you live with yourself?

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.



U.S. Department of Transportation

The Second Annual FOOD FOR ALL

project to feed the hungry
is coming...

April 13, 1994

Student Organizations:

Start collecting your non-perishable food items for the big competition!

More details in next issue.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE PASS RAFFLE

Cut out this ticket and drop it off at Wick Desk with your name and phone #. *(free entry!)*
At Noon on Friday, March 4 we will draw several winners of a *General Cinema Movie Voucher.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Have a great break!

Humane Society "NOT"

by D. Scott Quackenbush

On the morning of February 9, I woke up to another 6 inches of snow and a 13 degree temperature. As I was on my walk to my car, I happened to look down at a hole in the snow bank. The hole was made by the heat coming out of a drainage grate. To my surprise, something moved. It was a small black kitten I had seen running around the neighborhood earlier in the week. It was huddled in the hole to keep warm. It was soaking wet and shivering. Since it was a stray and no one could get near it, I left it there and called the SPCA. I told them about the poor kitten, but was told that they don't go out and pick up animals unless they are in a cage.

"The SPCA is supposed to help and protect animals. Now it only helps animals in cages."

I couldn't believe it. First off, what happened to the SPCA that went out with a net or cane to catch strays? I guess there's no money in that so they don't do it anymore. Aren't they supposed to be the ones that save animals in need? If they saw this kitten shivering and wet, would they not have thought this animal in need?

Aren't they the people who have the equipment and are trained in animal handling and catching? Are we supposed to go out, chase the animal, take the chance of being scratched or bitten, while they simply sit in their trucks, then pick



up the cage and charge us for the pick up?

It would have been more humane for them to catch the animal and give it a week in a warm cage, and a chance to live, even if it was put to sleep after that week. Without their help, if anyone tried to catch the cat with their hands it would have probably run away and frozen to death in its wet coat. If the snow plow came along, the cat would have likely been buried in the snow drift and suffocated. This doesn't seem very humane to me.

The SPCA is supposed to help and protect animals. Now it only helps animals in cages. They don't seem to care about the animals that are suffering, only those in a cage; the ones they don't have to do anything for except move from one cage to another.

Words for Thought

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors."

African proverb
Reader's Digest, February 1994

SIG EP



**WELCOMES
BUS TRIP
STUDENTS**

**HAVE A GOOD TIME AT
AIR BAND**

Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office
present a

Saint Patty's Day Dinner

Thursday, March 17
from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
Wick Dining Room

A special reduced meal price
of **only \$3.50**
for non-residents

*featuring
live music by*

B-SIDE

ATTENTION: RESIDENT STUDENTS

Here's your chance to become a vital part of the Daemen College Admissions Team!

We're looking for motivated and enthusiastic Resident Students to provide a home-away-from-home for visiting high school students during Daemen's Open House Weekend (March 18, 19, 20). Share your room and some of your college experiences with students from New York State and surrounding states. Please stop by the Admissions Office (DS 126) to find out more information and to sign up.

Don't forget, these high school students could be your future classmates. Remember how you felt when you first came here? *Let's all do our best to make them feel at home here at Daemen!*

Secondhand Smoke



It takes your breath away.

No one should have to breathe someone else's smoke. If you're a smoker, don't smoke around other people, especially children. And, for help in stopping, call:

1-800-422-6237

NYS Health Department

The Daemen College Sports
Fitness & Wellness Club
announces

AEROBICS CLASSES

MON, WED, THU
8-9 p.m. in the Gym
free admission!

Sponsored by Student Association

Bus Trip to the Ontario Science Center

Saturday, March 19
Cost: **\$3.75/student**
(includes bus & admission)

Sign up in Wick Lobby
(seats are limited)

Organized by Beta Beta Beta
Sponsored by Student Association

HELP WANTED! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Do you have what it takes?
Creativity...Organization...Positive Esteem...
Caring Personality...Responsible Attitude...
and the ability to work with others.

If these characteristics describe you, then you might have what it takes to be a **Resident Assistant** at Daemen College.

Pick up a job description and an application (after March 18) at the Office of Student Housing in Canavan Hall or attend the March 18 interest meeting in Wick Center, room 113-115 at 6:15 p.m. All applications are due to the Office of Student Housing by March 24, 1994.

A "Lovely" Valentine's Day



The weather was bitterly cold, but campus spirits on Valentine's Day were warm with both fun and romance. A walk through Wick Center met the passersby with complimentary chocolate kisses as PA announcements invited all to "stop by Wick Desk and get a kiss (chocolate) from a Wick Desk worker". Tiny cupids decorated Wick Desk bearing the heads of various student workers (not to mention the Associate Dean for Student Affairs).

Outside Wick Center, students braved the cold to take a spin around Daemen's campus on a horse drawn buggy ride. Couples snuggled under a large fur blanket in the buggy, while Prince, the gentle giant of a horse, led the tour around campus.

Later that evening, the heavenly sounds of a real harpist accompanied a Valentine's Day Dinner of strip steak and cordon bleu in Wick Dining Room. All this made for quite a "lovely" day.



CONGRATULATIONS
SIGMA PHI EPSILON HAS WON A
NATIONAL AWARD FOR
MEMBERSHIP. THE NATIONAL
FRATERNITY IS BEING
RECOGNIZED FOR A 50%
INCREASE IN MEMBERS.

FREE

County of Erie
is providing a free testing

clinic for

AIDS/STD

Anyone interested in this confidential (not anonymous) free service held in the County's downtown clinic should call **858-6402 or 6301**. Ask for **Cecelia or Valerie** for details of the program and directions to the Rath building for this very important health issue.



reminder

Get those nominations in for:
**Favored Faculty
Admired Administrator
Stellar Staffer**

Nominations of 25 words or less are due by March 4.

Send nominations to mail box 639 or drop them off at Wick Desk.

MARY ANGELA CANAVAN AWARD - REMINDER

Every year the college recognizes a graduating senior for his/her work in student life. A committee of juniors and administrators review the self-nominees' credentials and makes a selection. Each spring the committee has trouble contacting students who are away for the semester. Therefore, please fill out this form and return it to the SA Vice President for Governing's mailbox (behind Wick Desk). The committee will then be able to send a letter to you in the spring requesting your cover letters and credentials. In the meantime, start collecting, in resume/outline form, all of your student life experiences: club/organization/committee memberships, offices held, contributions, awards, teams, community service, etc.

Student's Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____
Telephone No _____

☐ Yes, I plan to apply for the Mary Angela Canavan Award.

STAY DRUG FREE

The Black Man's Burden

by Patrick Mweheire

Last weekend, I had the rare opportunity of debating the third world crisis with a few yuppies from Harvard. It was during this brainstorm that I clearly saw the cause for Africa's misery.

Before I go any further, let it be known that I am not simply trying to pass the blame. Africa's problems need to be solved and I am willing to be a part of the solution. However, it is important that everyone acknowledges how Africa got itself into this mess. To put it mildly, we really got screwed by the Europeans.

"To put it mildly, we really got screwed by the Europeans."

Let's begin with the stripping of the national identity. Colonialism in Africa set out to deny and eliminate Africa's pre-colonial history. They taught the Africans and particularly the elite that anything traditional or indigenous was primitive and everything European was acceptable. This is evident in the fact that some of the world's best cafes and European bistros are in Africa. Gucci jackets and watches are not a rare commodity in Africa. I guess the point I am trying to make is; why was a Gucci tailor installed in Africa before a computer factory was introduced? Is it coincidence? I don't think so. Judges and magistrates in Kenya continue to wear the British court "white wigs" while in session. Maybe I am being too tough on the British, it's possible that they failed to notice that the Kenyan natives had black hair! Europe transplanted the social aspect onto Africa but somehow forgot to share the secrets of the industrial revolution.

Well how about the dictatorial regimes, coups, and counter coups, including African dictators mass murdering their own people. Did the British also cause that? Good question; but authoritarianism was never an African thing. It was introduced to Africa with all the other evils of colonialism. The French's colonial policy simply suppressed traditional institutions and the "cunning" British on the other hand fashioned a myth of indirect rule. Anyhow, this authoritarianism was the

basis of colonial laws that prohibited assembly, restricted movement and so on. After independence, these laws survived in every African state and proved to be convenient repressive tools for current African governments. The consensus in the west seems to imply that authoritarianism has always been an African custom.

My friends always ask why there is really no middle class in Africa and why the society is basically divided into the have and the have nots? You see, the colonialists never imagined that colonialism would end and they structured the economy so that the governing class (colonial masters) got bigger salaries and the common people, or "subjects" I should say, got absolutely nothing. When Colonialism ended, they left in a hurry and had no time to change this unfair structure. Hence, when the Africans took over these jobs they continued to accumulate wealth at the expense of the others. Another reason for the crisis is that the Africans were not ready to inherit such an alien way of operating. Imagine if the entire Daemen administrative staff was to leave tomorrow, and the student body was to take over running the school. Of course, there would be a few problems.

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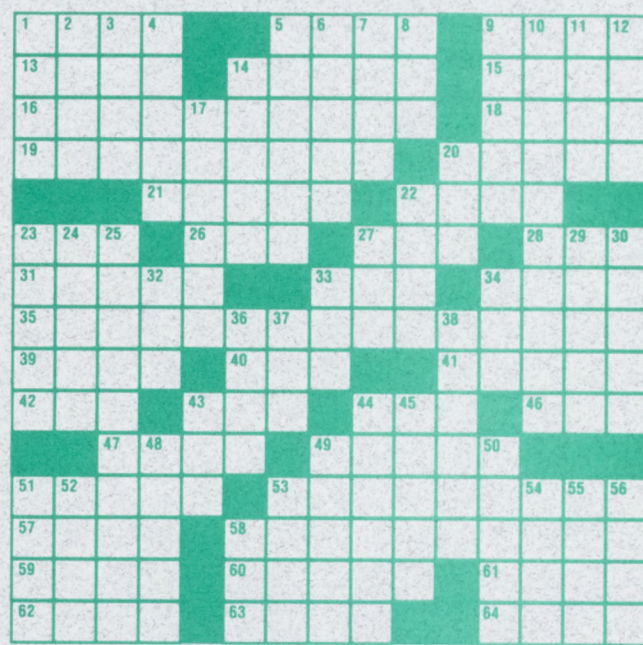
I think the appropriate question at this point is, "What the hell do you want us to do?" I really don't know, but you can all do me a favor; stop looking at Africa like it is the people who are screwed up! It is the system that we had no choice in that really blows. We all have to work together in solving this crisis. As I have always said, you cannot ignore poor people. They make their presence felt through means that affect us all, like disease, despoilers of the environment, and so on.

By the way, if you are still wondering what the burden is, I guess you will never know.

CROSSWORD

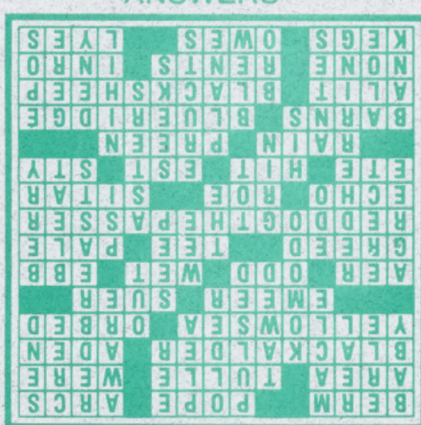
- ACROSS**
- Narrow ledge
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 - Veil fabric
 - "If I — king"
 - Winterberry
 - Yemen port
 - Arm of the Pacific
 - Circled
 - Arabian chieftain
 - Plaintiff
 - Atmo's cousin
 - Peculiar
 - Damp
 - Recede
 - Cupidity
 - Golf gadget
 - Ashen
 - What line-backers do
 - Repeat
 - Fish eggs
 - Hindu stringed instrument
 - Summer in Caen
 - Success
 - Superlative ending
 - Piggery
 - Kind of dance
 - Dress fussily
 - Farm buildings
 - Appalachian range
 - Got down
 - Family misfit
 - Not any
 - Leases
 - Jap. case
 - Beer barrels
 - Has debts
 - Caustic substances

- DOWN**
- Infant
 - First name in mysteries
 - Factual
 - Twinned crystal
 - Throbbled
 - Senior
 - Appeal
 - Always to poets
 - Cognizant
 - Robins
 - Indian
 - Dispatch
 - Dressed skins
 - dragon (large lizard)
 - Away from home
 - Leak slowly
 - Concur
 - Build
 - Distraction
 - Tiny
 - Sheep cry
 - Fruit
 - Tokyo formerly
 - Article
 - Gr. letter
 - Smile
 - Small child
 - Daisylike flowers



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ANSWERS



- Towel word
- Spews from a volcano
- Hunts
- Feeds the kitty
- Carpenter's tool
- Nothing: Lat.
- River's edge
- Drug plant
- Expelled air
- Gainsay
- Actor Richard
- Grandiose work
- Bus. abbr.

Come to
"Cross" Training

Meetings held:
Mondays, 8 - 9:30 pm
in Wick Center
All are welcome!

This program is sponsored by
Campus Ministry

\$100 REWARD

For any information leading to the return of the two 30"X40" CAT FACE illustrations that were stolen off the wall in the hall of the Art Department.

If you have any information, PLEASE call the Art Dept. (ext. 8365) **Thank You**

Ol' Blue Eyes Visits the Buffalo Zoo

Imagine walking through the murky waters of a Louisiana swamp and seeing an animal that previously was believed to be only a myth. The Buffalo Zoo will provide that experience as it proudly hosts a white alligator exhibit beginning Easter Sunday, April 3 through June. This rare reptile, on loan from the New Orleans Audubon Park & Zoological Garden, is one of only 18 in the world and will be exclusively showcased in the Northeast at the Buffalo Zoo in 1994.

The exhibit will be located in the Reptile House. In addition, several white reptiles such as an albino Burmese python, albino corn snake and albino western diamondback rattlesnake will be featured. To provide visitors with an adventure they will always remember, the exhibit area will be transformed into a "Louisiana Swamp" complete with

Spanish moss, wooden docks, and ground fog. In addition, you will also be able to hear the sounds of the bayou. Various activities including food, music, and dancing will also be planned around the visit.

These rare gators were discovered in a nest in August of 1987 in Houma, Louisiana by several Cajun fishermen on land owned by the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company (LL&E). These white-skinned, blue-eyed alligators are a genetic mutation of the American alligator. Their unique color is considered leucistic (loo sis tic), not albino. Besides the 18 white gators that were found, seven normal-colored siblings were captured and an undetermined number of normals escaped. The 25 male gators were brought to the Audobon Zoo when they were approximately one to two weeks



old. The Audobon Zoo owns four white alligators with the remainder owned by LL&E.

The alligators range between five and eight feet in length and weigh from 50 to 250 pounds. This is a result of different management techniques. To perpetuate the white phase, a white male and a normal female are bred. The offspring are then bred, hopefully producing a white female alligator. The gender of an alligator is controlled by the temperature of its nest.

Experts feel that white gators do not survive in the wild because they lack the normal protective coloration of a hatchling, and would be easy prey for a predator. In addition, white skin usually

is sensitive to the sun, which could cause long-term health effects.

In a number of cultures, white animals are thought to be good luck. The Cajuns say that anyone who gazes into the blue eyes of a white alligator will be blessed with good luck for the coming year and prosperity will surely follow.

"We are extremely excited that we were chosen to host a white gator exhibit," said Executive Director, Minot H. Ortolani. "We try to provide something new for our visitors each year, but this experience will be truly remarkable. Who knows, it may also bring some good luck to those who stare into its eyes," added Ortolani.

Harvard Model UN Delegation Returns Home

They came from all over the United States—and beyond. Some 2,000 student-delegates, “representing” 160 nations, converged at Boston’s Sheraton Hotel, February 17-20 to take part in the 40th Annual Harvard National Model UN. There were Indonesians from the Universitas Trisakti and Australians from the University of Vienna among the several foreign contingents who came to mix and mingle, debate and negotiate with students from across the United States. The University of California-Berkeley was there. So was the University of Chicago, along with Tufts, Brown, Fordham, Marquette—and Daemen College.

"The HNMUN was a rich learning experience for the Daemen students."

On a cold, dark Thursday morning, at 4:20 a.m., five hearty Daemen students, accompanied by their advisor, Edward Cuddy, wheeled out of the campus, turned East and travelled 500 miles until they arrived in the heart of downtown Boston. After weeks of preparation, they were about to plunge into three gruelling days of debate, grappling with major problems afflicting the world community. As “representatives” of El Salvador, they argued, discussed, negotiated, made allies, wrote and rewrote resolutions—all with a view toward “solving” the world’s problems.

Belinda Jackson dealt with the issue of homeless children in her Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee. As a “Salvadoran” she was on familiar ground. After all, her “country” has been devastated by extreme poverty, a ruinous civil war, and a powerful 1986 earthquake, leaving thousands of homeless families. Her forceful recommendations to the committee helped to shape a resolution which eventually breezed through the committee with a heavy majority.

In the Economic and Financial Committee, Patrick Mweheire dealt with the soaring debt crisis in Third World nations. Marcy Mruczek collaborated with delegates in the World Health Organization. Their task was to find incentives to entice pharmaceutical companies into devoting research toward the less lucrative cures for diseases afflicting poor nations. And under what conditions should the UN intervene into countries like Bosnia to save victims of cruelty and violence? Miriam Russell worked on that one in the Legal Committee.

As Mike Schroeder discovered, much of the work at the UN is done outside committee debates, cutting deals with other delegates. Mike was frustrated when his International Atomic Energy Agency splintered into a dozen wrangling factions over the vexing issue of nuclear arms proliferation. But that only spurred him to burn the midnight oil with a few other delegates, forging a complex resolution designed to accommodate divergent national interests. Their resolution garnered support from other delegates, but, alas, not enough to produce a majority among the squabbling factions.

The HNMUN was a rich learning experience for the Daemen students. Learning to deal with complex issues from the viewpoint of other nations, making tactical compromises, defending one’s position before a diverse body of students, discovering the warm friendships and camaraderie that bloom amid conflict and controversy—nothing in the regular classroom could quite match it.

Like many others, Patrick was impressed by how one’s personality fuses with his/her role at the HNMUN. In fact, he found himself getting a little hot under the collar when other delegates took a few swipes at his beloved El Salvador. Nevertheless, he emerged as a forceful leader in caucus.

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Despite the marathon sessions—sometimes lasting until eleven at night—there was time for serious fun. A free morning on Friday enabled our “Salvadorans” to visit and savor the atmosphere of Harvard’s campus. Saturday evening was spent enjoying a fabulous meal at Boston’s famous Durgin Park, strolling through the historic Quincy Market, and finishing off with the delegates’ dance back at the hotel.

The weekend was a blend of work and fun. So much so that Belinda found herself looking forward to next year’s Model UN. Unfortunately, her coming graduation will puncture that dream. Only a failing grade or two could assure her of a position in next year’s delegation.

On the way home, Mike turned to Patrick and urged him to thank his fellow students on the Student Association. Their generous financial support made the four-day adventure possible for Daemen students. It was a sentiment echoed by the entire delegation.

Have you ever wished that Daemen College had a Volleyball, Soccer or Cycling team? Are you enjoying the new aerobics classes being held this semester? Would you like to get more information on sports or nutrition?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions the
Sports Fitness & Wellness Club
would like to have you as a member!

Stop by and check out one of our next meetings to be held on:
March 17 & 31, 5-6 p.m., in Alumni Lounge

Poetry Corner

*there's a converstaion
a statement and a response
simultaneous thoughts
all brought on by spontaneous combustion*

*and where are the thoughts injected
we know it's hypodermically
now, why is that they are orally omitted
does spontaneous combustion have any control over this*

*what is control
does it have grips to help you hold on
is it sanitary
and how does control fit with spontaneous combustion*

*how was the first thing combusted spontaneously
how did it live
what did it thrive off
how does it survive*

*and what is euphoria
is this a product of our friend spontaneous combustion*

*is it worth a conversation piece
with statements and responses
or should it be silent
letting the silence be shattered spontaneously
and combusting with thoughts.*

by felicia chamberlain

What did you do on your summer vacation?

When we were in elementary school, on our first day back to school in the fall, we would have to write a short composition entitled, “What I did on my summer vacation.” Of course, in those days the answers consisted of descriptions of family vacations, summer camp experiences, or hang-around-the-house essays.

Over the last several months in the CO-OP/Career Development Office we have been receiving announcements of summer employment opportunities for college students. These are not ordinary, mundane jobs—they are great opportunities that you may never be able to take advantage of again.

We realize that many of you have financial constraints, summer job obligations in family businesses or in corporations which have one of your relatives in their employ. However, you may want to look into some of the exciting summer jobs that are available.

For example, you could work at **Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming**. There are CO-OP positions available in Business Administration, Accounting, Marketing and other majors. Or you may wish to work in one of the wilderness areas as a tour guide. The same opportunities are available to you at **Utah’s parks—Zion, Bryce Canyon** (one of the most beautiful parks in the country), and the **Grand Canyon (North Rim)**. We also have applications for

summer positions at the **American Language Village** and **American Village France**, a variety of **summer camps** across the country, **Darien Lake Theme Park**, the **federal government**, and others.

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Application deadlines for many of these positions are quickly approaching. Don’t let this experience of working in a great environment and meeting people from all over the world pass you by — come see us in CO-OP/Career Development (1st floor, Canavan Hall) today!

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Wednesday, March 23
8:30 - 11 am
Alumni Lounge

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Participate in Discussions
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